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International Food & Beverage
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The International Food & Beverage Forum[®] was founded on June 23, 1993 by Kurt H. Fischer, then Vice President of Food & Beverage for Westin Hotels & Resorts, with the support of three Food & Beverage Vice Presidents and one Beverage Consultant. Those five friends wanted to create a global association of Food & Beverage industry representatives with the purpose to form a truly global think tank for this industry.

To cover all aspects of the upscale section in the Food & Beverage industry, they recruited individuals representing segments such as upscale hotels, cruise lines, airlines, independent restaurants, education, Food & Beverage publications and others. Each individual had to be recognized internationally for his achievements and high standards.

In order to keep this association a close circle of highly recognized individuals, the total active membership is limited to 50 active members.

Today, The International Food & Beverage Forum[®] has an active membership based on six continents and has participated in panel discussions and events in major cities on four continents.

Once they had outlined the structure of the association, the mission was formalized and reads: **“The mission of the International Food & Beverage Forum[®] is to enhance global dialogue, knowledge, viable creativity and to foster the education of young hospitality professionals”**.

From the mission statement, the challenge of how to foster the education of young hospitality professionals emerged. First, the association set up a special endowment fund with the help of major Food & Beverage related companies. Thereafter, a series of special awards was created and linked to a scholarship system.

The next step was to select an educational institution which would provide the pool of students eligible for such scholarships. Once the International Food & Beverage Forum[®] members got actively involved in lecturing and culinary demonstrations at Johnson & Wales University, we decided to open in April 2002 the first “International Food & Beverage Forum Hall of Fame[™]” at the Culinary Archives & Museum at Johnson & Wales University in Providence.

During the April 2003 annual meeting it was decided to encompass other educational Institutions as beneficiaries of our scholarship contributions.

On November 6, 2008 we inaugurated a temporary “The International Food & Beverage Forum Hall of Fame[™]” at Le Cordon Bleu College of Culinary Arts Las Vegas and in June 2013 we moved “The International Food & Beverage Forum Hall of Fame[™]” to a permanent location on the Le Cordon Bleu College of Culinary Arts Campus in Chicago.

Since 1996, the International Food & Beverage Forum[®] has honored 18 Restaurateurs of the year and inducted 33 personalities into the International Food & Beverage Forum Hall of Fame[™]. During the same period we awarded 173 scholarships with a value of more than US \$ 860,000. Through our benefactors we also donated tabletop equipment to the participating Educational Institutions with the value of more than US \$ 500,000.

On June 9, 2009 the International Food & Beverage Forum[™] received the official notification from the Internal Revenue Service that the association was recognized as a public charity and that we are exempt from federal income tax under section 501(c) (3) of the internal revenue code.

On October 27, 2009 The International Food & Beverage Forum[™], Inc. was registered as a non-profit corporation in Las Vegas, Nevada.

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Member & Benefactor Benefits:

A. General:

- The membership of our non-profit association is restricted to fifty active members and a limited number of benefactors
- Members, benefactors and honorees must represent international companies impacting the global Food & Beverage industry
- Members, benefactors and honorees represent an excellent business network on five continents
- **Members:**
 - Once a person is elected to become a member of the International Food & Beverage Forum, he or she will remain a member based on the member's knowledge of our industry regardless of their current occupation
 - If a member no longer contributes to our organization his or her membership can be revoked
 - New members need to be recommended by at least two active members and must attend at least one event before being voted in as active members
- **Benefactors:**
 - Only one benefactor per business category will be admitted.
 - Each benefactor can appoint two persons to represent their company
 - The appropriate application form is attached
- **Honorary members** of our non-profit association are:
 - Inductees into our International Food & Beverage Forum Hall of Fame and Restaurateurs of the Year
 - Retired active members and benefactors whose contribution to our association merit an honorary membership

B. Insignia:

- Each member, benefactor and honoree receives a membership diploma of "The International Food & Beverage Forum™" signed by the members of our non-profit association during their first attendance of our annual November event, such as the International Food & Beverage Forum Hall of Fame Summit in Las Vegas or similar.
- A sample of the membership diploma is attached
- A special membership lapel pin will be awarded to those members, benefactor and honoree attending meetings.
- International Food & Beverage Forum Hall of Fame inductees and Restaurateurs of the Year will receive a trophy donated by RAK Porcelaine Europe SA during our annual November event

C. Membership Directories:

- Each member’s photograph will be posted on the membership directory page of the International Food & Beverage Forum website
- Each member’s coordinates are published with our membership directories which are posted on our Intranet in order to assure privacy of this information
- Access to our Intranet on our official website is restricted to members, benefactors and honorees of our association
- To access our Intranet one needs a special password and user ID. The User ID changes every year and the password at least three times a year
- Only members, benefactors and honorees in good standing have access to our Intranet.



MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION FORM 2015:

NAME: _____

OCCUPATION: _____

COMPANY: _____

STREET: _____

CITY: _____

STATE & ZIPCODE: _____

COUNTRY: _____

TEL. (OFFICE): _____

TEL. (CELL): _____

FAX: _____

E-MAIL: _____

WEBSITE: _____

SIGNATURE:

DATE:

PS: Please provide a short biography on a separate page and a photograph via e-mail to: Lee.Evans@centurylink.net

Annual Membership Dues: US \$ 450.00

Joining Fee: US \$ 200.00



THE INTERNATIONAL FOOD & BEVERAGE FORUM

Hall of Fame Society™

At the annual Meeting in 1998, the International Food & Beverage Forum® Members decided to establish an International Food & Beverage Forum Hall of Fame™. The International Food & Beverage Forum Hall of Fame™ became not only a place to honor persons who influenced the international scene of Food & Beverage through their outstanding efforts, creations and contributions, but also a library open to all young professionals from around the world visiting Johnson & Wales University in Providence, Rhode Island.

In April 2003 the International Food & Beverage Forum Hall of Fame Society™ was founded as an association of personalities interested in creating this unique study environment for young hospitality professionals and sharing their passion for fine dining.

To give more international visitors the opportunity to view the achievements of our honorees, we opened on November 6, 2008 the temporary International Food & Beverage Forum Hall of Fame™ at Le Cordon Bleu College of Culinary Arts Las Vegas, Nevada. In June 2013 the International Food & Beverage Forum Hall of Fame™ was moved to the permanent location on the Le Cordon Bleu College of Culinary Arts Campus in Chicago, Illinois.

The International Food & Beverage Forum Hall of Fame Society™ will become one of the most respected and prestigious Food & Beverage related global association honoring on an annual basis Food & Beverage Industry leaders through their induction into the International Food & Beverage Forum Hall of Fame™.

Once the criteria for the International Food & Beverage Forum Hall of Fame™ Honorees were set, it was decided, in cooperation with Villeroy & Boch, that each candidate would receive a Limited Edition replica of an 18th Century Octavian Centerpiece Tureen during the Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony. As of 2012 The Villeroy & Boch Trophies was replaced with an RAK Porcelain “Gold Collection Tureen”.

Through the organization of international events, the International Food & Beverage Forum Hall of Fame Society™ will raise funds to support the “International Food & Beverage Forum Hall of Fame™, the related scholarships and study facilities for hospitality students around the world.

The association will also collect Food & Beverage related documents and paraphernalia to enhance the collections displayed at the “International Food & Beverage Forum Hall of Fame™” in order to ultimately create better study facilities and programs for hospitality students.

Members of The International Food & Beverage Forum Hall of Fame Society™ are not necessarily Food & Beverage professionals, but individuals who would like to contribute to the goals of this association.

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Member Medal:

